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Serial No.: 10/011,023

: Examiner: Jones, Scott E.

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Title: MISSION CONTROL SYSTEM FOR GAME
PLAYING SATELLITES ON A NETWORK

: November 24, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Concurrently with the within Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, please preliminarily amend the claims of the above-identified U.S. patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-15, and add the new claims as shown in the listing of Claims 16-25 appended hereto.

REMARKS

New Claims 16-25 now more clearly define that the method that each satellite computer stores a game-specific command set which includes at least a game-specific start signal for a game program on the satellite computer that is triggered by issuance of a generic game-start